

Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

Teens 14 years old and older are invited to attend a statewide citizenship event in Helena on March 4-6, 2007. The Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar will showcase state government in action. Each delegate is expected to sponsor a potential "bill" suitable for the "4-H legislature" to act upon. Registration forms are due on February 1st and the cost is \$55. Contact the 4-H office for complete details and ask about scholarships. Applications are due January 16.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Teens 15 years old are invited to participate in an event that past delegates have found to be the highlight of their 4-H experience. Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program in Washington D.C. where delegates get a chance to look behind the scenes in our nation's capitol, meet senators and representatives, listen to motivational speakers, attend workshops to learn the governmental process, and increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. The event is held June 10-16 and cost is \$1,500. Some financial assistance is available. A registration form and event guide is available at www.montana4h.org and the deadline to apply is February 1st.

4-H & FFA KMON Judging Contest:

Livestock, Meats, Crops, Career Development, Beef Ambassador Contests
January 19-20, 2007 at the Fairgrounds in Great Falls

Meats Contest: This will be the State contest for FFA & 4-H. 4-H team members must be 14 by October 1, 2006 to qualify as the state team and trip to Western Regional Roundup. Awards are trophies, plaques and \$100 to the top individual. Contact our office at 582-3280 for registration information. Registration due January 12th.

Friday Night Fun 4-H and FFA Dance January 19th, 2007, 9:00 pm-12:00 am at the Hampton Inn, 2301 14th Street Southwest, Admission \$4.00 per person. Sponsored by: KMON, Hampton Inn, Conrad FFA Alumni.

Montana Winter Fair - Lewistown

The Winter Fair will be held on **January 25-28** at the Fergus County Fairgrounds in Lewistown. 4-H members can enter the Heifer Pen Show, All Breeds Heifer Show, Livestock Judging, Beef Showmanship, Photography, Quilting and Knitting projects, and Food related entries. For entry forms and contact information go to <http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/>. All livestock intent to show entries must be received or postmarked no later than Friday, January 21, 2007.

2007 MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show

The 2007 MontanaFair will be held in Billings on **August 11-19**. Entry deadline for the 2007 Montana Fair must be received by July 6, 2007 by 5:00 pm. Any 4-H member wanting to enter a livestock animal must have that animal ear tagged in Billings on the following dates.

Beef Tagging – January 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the PAYS arena

Animal Quality Assurance Training – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sheep/Swine Tagging – June 2, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at PAYS arena

Animal Quality Assurance Training – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Exhibitor must decide which two animals per species will be weighed and exhibited. Only one animal can be sold. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can not be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock show. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. If the weather causes a problem for you to get to Billings on the tagging date, please contact Roni Baker at the Yellowstone County Extension Office (256-2828). For further details, call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213.